

Respiratory Epidemiological Summary

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Summary (Epidemiological week 22, 26 May to 1 Jun)

During the spring and summer, the COVID-19 Situation Report and Genomic Surveillance dashboards will be updated on the first Thursday of each month, and the Wastewater Surveillance dashboard will continue to be updated weekly. Updates to the remaining dashboards will resume in the fall.

COVID-19 activity is relatively stable overall, following increased activity in early May.

• COVID-19 severity indicators have stabilized, following an increase in early May. SARS-CoV-2 levels have increased in wastewater sites in VCH, FH, and IH. Sublineages of JN.1 account for the majority of sequenced specimens.

National and international context

COVID-19:

- In Canada, COVID-19 activity indicators remain at low levels and show early signs of stabilization following an increase in recent weeks.^{1,2} The JN.1 group continues to be the dominant lineage in Canada.¹
- In the USA, SARS-CoV-2 test positivity has slightly increased in recent weeks, while emergency department visits and deaths due to COVID-19 remained low and stable.³

¹ https://health-infobase.canada.ca/covid-19/

 $^{^2\} https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/surveillance/respiratory-virus-detections-canada/2023-2024/week-21-ending-may-25-2024.html$

³ https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#datatracker-home